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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

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REMARKS

An English translation of the foreign document is not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. U.S. Patent No. 6,251,700 is listed as being in the same patent family. An English abstract for the reference, obtained from a commercial database, also is enclosed as an English language

statement of relevance. A copy of the Korean Official Letter/Search Report is also enclosed.

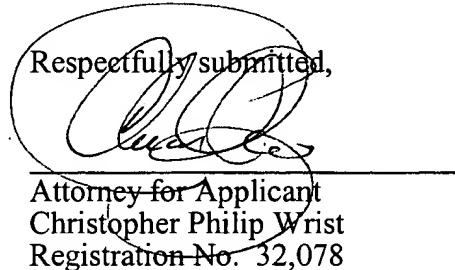
FEE STATEMENT

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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